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| For:             | STENTED END GRAFT VESSEL   | ) |          |
|                  | DEVICE FOR ANASTOMOSIS AND | ) |          |
|                  | RELATED METHODS FOR        | ) |          |
|                  | PERCUTANEOUS PLACEMENT     | ) |          |
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed June 12, 2009 in the above-identified Application. The Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the pending claims in view of the remarks herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.